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AMERICAN SCHOLARS

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AMERICAN CULTURAL RELATIONS

1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - HINDUSTAN TIMES OF AUGUST 9 CARRIED
SHORT NEWS ITEM UNDER HEADING "GOVT TOLD TO RELAX CURBS ON US SCHO-
LARS" REPORTING THAT THE FORMER AND PRESENT INDIAN AMBASSADORS
IN WASHINGTON HAD EXPRESSED "STRONG FEELINGS" ON NEED FOR MORE
FLEXIBLE GOI VISA POLICY. THEY REPORTEDLY SAID THIS WAS NECESSARY
TO AVOID ALIENATION OF SCHOLARS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS INDIA. AMERICAN SCHOLARS,
THE REPORT SAYS, FIND INCOMPREHENSIBLE INDIA'S INSISTENCE ON
"GUIDLINES" WHICH LUMP TOGETHER ALL SORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS,
COUNTRIES AND INDIVIDUALS. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL - WHEN DEFENCE SECRETARY GOVIND NARAIN
INFORMED DCM AUGUST 9 THAT GOI HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT US OFFER
FOR TRAINING IN US, HE ADDED CURIOUS REMARK THAT QUESTION OF
VISITS BY SCHOLARS WOULD ALSO BE CLEARED UP. HE OFFERED NO
EXPLANATION. END CONFIDENTIAL

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - THE EMBASSY HAS DETECTED NO
RELAXATION OF GOI RESTRICTIONS. WE WONDER WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT
HAS HEARD MORE ON THE SUBJECT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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